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SUBJECT: FY 1976 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION (CP)

REF: (A) CAIRO 9330; (B) CAIRO 9328

1. ON BASIS RECOMMENDATION REFS (A) AND (B) WE INCLUDING
PROJECT SHEET FOR 100 MILLION DOLS DIKHEILA PORT DEVELOP-
MENT PROJECT IN OUR CURRENT CP DRAFT.

2. WE HAD INITIALLY ACCOMMODATED THIS WITHIN TOTAL FIVE-
QUARTER FIGURE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS INCLUDED PARA 5
REF (A). HOWEVER, WE ARE NOW THINKING IN TERMS OF PRE-
SENTATION FOR OMB APPROVAL ON BASIS OF 750 MILLION DOLS
FOR FOUR QUARTER PERIOD -- I.E., FOR REGULAR FY 1976
PERIOD 7/1/75 TO 6/30/76. (FYI: IT HAS NOT YET BEEN DE-
CIDED HOW 5TH QUARTER WILL BE HANDLED.)

3. THIS CONTEMPLATED INCREASE IN FY 1976 FUNDING REQUEST
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MEANS THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE ACCOMMODATE RECOMMENDED

FINANCING LEVEL FOR PORT WITHOUT NEED FOR ADJUSTMENT OTHER PROJECTS. WE THEREFORE HAVE, AT THIS POINT, DRAFT CP SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS OUTLINED BELOW. SCHEDULE INCLUDES ANNOTATIONS ON VARIATIONS FROM USAID EARLIER PROGRAM FORMULATION. FIGURES ARE IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

4. (A) SUEZ CLEARANCE AND RECONSTRUCTION, TOTAL 209; PORT SAID MINEFIELD CLEARANCE, 4 (THIS REFLECTS NEW NAVY ESTIMATE WHICH INCLUDES 1.1 ADDITIONAL FOR EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT, .2 ADDITIONAL OPERATING EXPENSES AND .2 CONTINGENCY); 300 MW POWER PLANT, 70; CEMENT PLANT, 85; WATER AND SEWAGE, 30 (ALTHOUGH WE BROADENING CP NARRATIVE THIS PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE PARA 6, REF (A), WE HAVE RETAINED PROJECT IN RE-CONSTRUCTION CATEGORY BECAUSE WE ASSUME MAJOR PORTION WORK WILL TAKE PLACE IN SUEZ CITIES); PORT SAID CARGO HANDLING EQUIPMENT, 20.

(B) OTHER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, TOTAL 191; TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT, 2; FEASIBILITY STUDIES, 3; WATER USE AND MANAGEMENT, .5; IMPROVEMENT OF RURAL HEALTH SERVICES, .5; GRAIN STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES, 30; DIKHEILA PORT DEVELOPMENT, 100; SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH EQUIPMENT, 5 (REDUCED TO ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR PORT SAID MINEFIELD); CARGO HANDLING EQUIPMENT, PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, 15 (GIVEN NEW FUNDING AVAILABILITIES, WE WOULD PREFER RETAIN THIS PROJECT BECAUSE OF IMPORTANT NEED IT WOULD SATISFY AND BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO BE PROJECT WHICH WE COULD EXPECT MOVE QUITE RAPIDLY ON BASIS IBRD REPORT NOW IN DRAFT); AGRICULTURE SECTOR EQUIPMENT, 15; GAS TURBINE GENERATORS, 20.

(C) THIS LEAVES BALANCE OF 350 MILLION DOLS. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON HOW TO ATTRIBUTE, BEARING IN MIND POINTS YOU RAISED IN PARA 1, REF (A) REGARDING CIP LEVEL.

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6. THE CONTEMPLATED NEW LEVEL OF FUNDING IN PARA 2 SHOULD OF COURSE NOT REPEAT NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH EGYPTIANS AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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